

**Introduced by Senators Evans and Wolk**

February 22, 2013

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An act to add Section 3015.5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to oil and gas.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 802, as introduced, Evans. Oil and gas: trade secrets.

Existing law provides that the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) in the Department of Conservation regulates the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of oil and gas wells in the state. The State Oil and Gas Supervisor supervises the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells and the operation, maintenance, and removal or abandonment of tanks and facilities related to oil and gas production within an oil and gas field regarding safety and environmental damage. Existing law also requires an operator of a well, before commencing the work of drilling the well, to obtain approval from the State Oil and Gas Supervisor or a district deputy. Under existing law, the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (act) establishes specified rights and remedies for the misappropriation of a trade secret.

This bill would require the division to regulate oil and gas operations in conformance with the provisions of the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 3015.5 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:

1     3015.5. This division shall be administered in conformance  
2 with the provisions of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (Title 5  
3 (commencing with Section 3426) of Part 1 of Division 4 of the  
4 Civil Code).

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